LIFE OF NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

CHAPTER I RESCUE or THE DIRECTORY *

Deadlock between the French Executive and the Chambers — Bonaparte's Attitude — The Celebration of July Fourteenth at Milan — Plot of the French Royalists — Attitude of Moreau and Hoche — Bonaparte to the Rescue — The Eighteenth of Fructidor — Effects in Paris — Bonaparte a European Personage — His Statesmanship in Italy — The Ligurian Republic — Sardinia, Switzerland, and Great Britain — Readiness of Italy for War — Strength of Bonaparte's Armies.

THE fine charter with which France had presumably closed the revolutionary epoch, in order to live for the first time under a constitutional government,

1 The authorities are as before: Pan; M6moires du roi Joseph; Vandal: L'Av&nement de Bona- likewise the memoirs of Madame parte; Aulard: fitudes et lemons de Chastenay, of Duport de sur la Revolution Francaise; Paris Cheverny, of Marmont, Marbot, pendant la reaction thermidori- Bourrienne, Carnot, Thi6bault, enne et sous le Directoire, and Mathieu Dumas, and above all Histoire Politique de la Resolution the Correspondence of Napoleon Francaise; Sorel: L'Europe et la himself. Further, there are the Revolution Francaise, Vol. V; collections of Bailleu, Stagl-Hol-Bonaparte et le Directoire. Much stein, Charles de Constant, letters can be gleaned from the printed of Talleyrand to Napoleon (pub-letters and despatches of this lished by Bertrand), of Jean period. Important sources are Hardy, and Mme. Reinhard. The the Souvenirs du baron deBarante; newspapers of the day, such as M<£moires et correspondance de L'EspiSgle, Le Surveillant, Le Lafayette; FieVSe: Correspond- Publiciste, Le Propagateur, Ga-ance et relations avec Bonaparte; zette de France and Moniteur, Correspondance de Mallet du and the Journal des Hommes